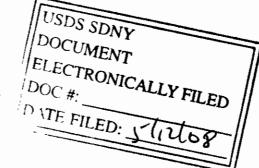


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Via Federal Express

Judge Richard J. Sullivan United States District Court SDNY 500 Pearl Street Room 615 New York, NY 10007

Re: Request to Appear by Telephone or Video

Finazzo v. SEC, Case No. 08-cv-02176

Dear Judge Sullivan:

With your permission, I would like to appear at the pre-motion conference, scheduled for Tuesday May 13 at 3:30 p.m., by telephone or video from my office in Washington, D.C. Of course, if you require my physical presence I will make the necessary arrangements.

I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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(Unopposed Motion to Appear *Pro Hac Vice* pending)

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